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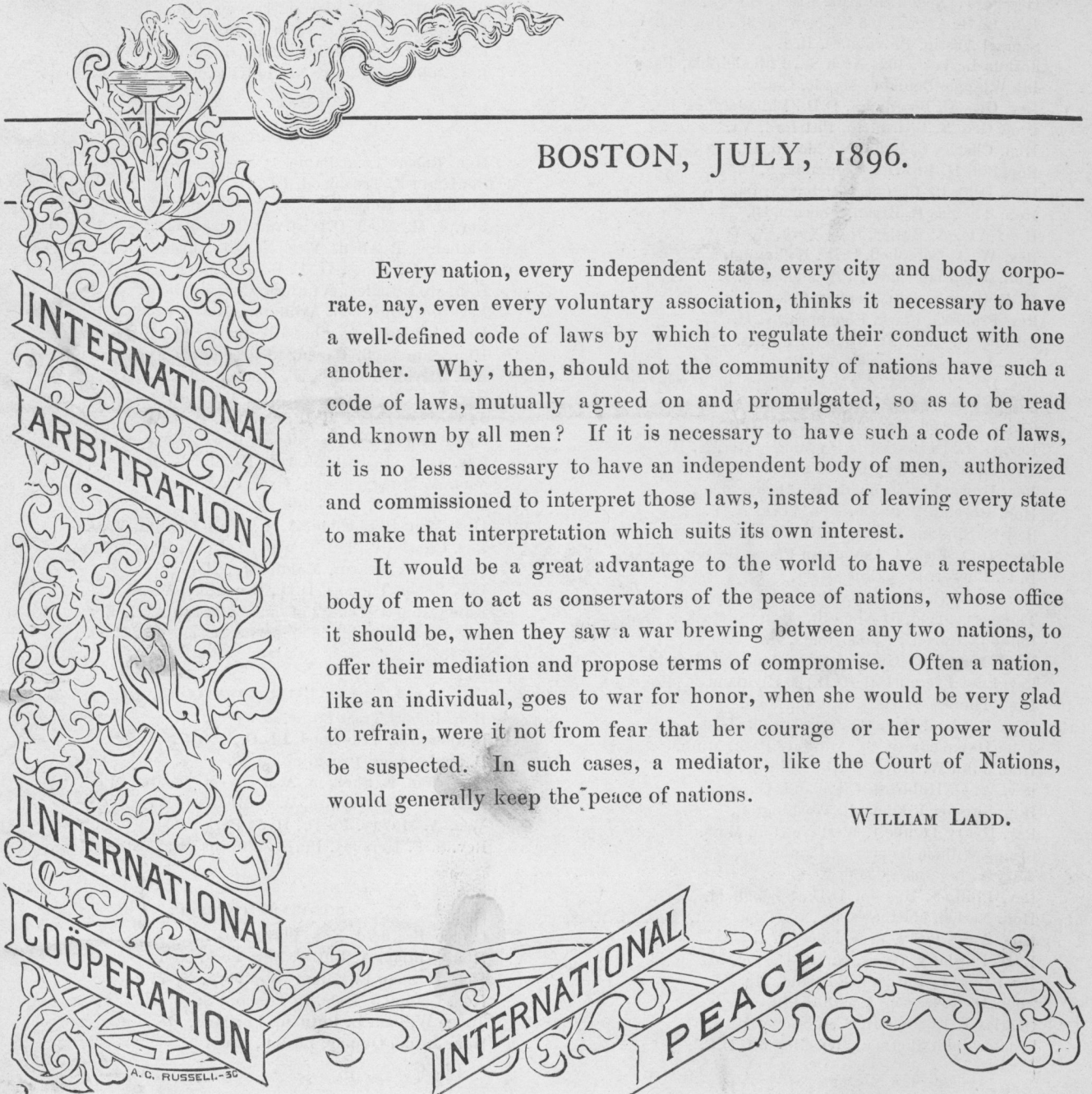
# The ADVOCATE — OF — PEACE.

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Every nation, every independent state, every city and body corporate, nay, even every voluntary association, thinks it necessary to have a well-defined code of laws by which to regulate their conduct with one another. Why, then, should not the community of nations have such a code of laws, mutually agreed on and promulgated, so as to be read and known by all men? If it is necessary to have such a code of laws, it is no less necessary to have an independent body of men, authorized and commissioned to interpret those laws, instead of leaving every state to make that interpretation which suits its own interest.

It would be a great advantage to the world to have a respectable body of men to act as conservators of the peace of nations, whose office it should be, when they saw a war brewing between any two nations, to offer their mediation and propose terms of compromise. Often a nation, like an individual, goes to war for honor, when she would be very glad to refrain, were it not from fear that her courage or her power would be suspected. In such cases, a mediator, like the Court of Nations, would generally keep the peace of nations.

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## THE ANGLO-AMERICAN TREATY.

The following special dispatch from Washington to the *Boston Herald* of June 20th gives the substance of all that is known about the progress of the negotiations for a general arbitration agreement between this country and Great Britain. This dispatch is in harmony with statements made in the House of Commons on the preceding day by Mr. Curzon, under foreign secretary.

"Important negotiations for a general arbitration agreement between the United States and Great Britain are in progress between the governments of the two countries. The negotiations would have been well advanced toward settlement had the authorities not been hampered by the Venezuelan question. It is this subject which is keeping the President, Secretary Olney, Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Minister Andrade, the Venezuelan minister, in this city longer than their original plans contemplated.

The President is now engaged in negotiations with Great Britain for a general arbitration agreement and the inclusion in it of the Venezuelan question.

Great Britain is not disposed to include the Venezuelan dispute in the convention.

When the subject of a general arbitration treaty be-

tween the United States and Great Britain was first broached, this government made it plain that it desired the Venezuelan boundary controversy to be settled under its terms.

The administration now has hopes of being ultimately successful. The authorities have little fear that the reported conflict between Venezuelans and Englishmen in the territory in dispute will dangerously complicate the boundary controversy. Minister Andrade says he has received no word of the alleged difficulty, and the State department and British embassy also express ignorance. But even if the occurrence took place, it is said that it would simply be another Yuruan incident.

It is something, or rather a great deal, to know that negotiations for such a treaty are actually seriously under way. We are naturally anxious that the proceedings should get on as rapidly as possible, but such a negotiation as this must, in the nature of the case, take no small amount of time. With the favorable attitude of the men who are at the head of affairs and the amount of intelligent public sentiment that has been brought to bear upon the governments on both sides of the water, we confidently expect to see all obstacles from the Venezuelan question and from all other sources satisfactorily surmounted, and the agreement in due time made and ratified.

## THE MOHONK CONFERENCE.

The second Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration was held at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., on the 3d, 4th and 5th of June. Of the large number of influential citizens invited by Mr. Smiley to attend the Conference as his guests about one hundred and twenty-five were present. Many who could not come because of other engagements sent letters of regret, in which they expressed their cordial approval of the purposes for which the Conference was called.

The personnel of the Conference was most excellent. We have never seen at any Conference a finer body of people. Of statesmen and diplomats there were ex-Senator Edmunds, Hon. John A. Kasson, Mr. Gillett, M. C., of Massachusetts. The bench and bar were represented by Judge Stiness of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, Judge Earl for twenty-five years Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of New York, William